**The Necessity of the Nearby**

**Mark 1:38 (CEV),** “Jesus replied, "We must go to the nearby towns, so that I can tell the good news to those people. This is why I have come."

1. The necessity was **personal**
   1. Jesus said “So that I can tell the good news …”
   2. Reaching those nearby is not someone else’s job, it is ours. It’s personal.
   3. Jesus said “You are the light of the world.” “You are the salt of the earth.”
2. The necessity became a **priority**
   1. Jesus said “We must go.”
   2. Involves a sense of urgency.
   3. The current condition of our culture demands immediate action.
3. The necessity dictated the **place** “the nearby towns.”
   1. We have a place to start.
   2. Don’t need to wait for a mission trip.
   3. Ultimate goal is the ends of the earth – but it starts nearby.
4. The necessity coincided with His **purpose** “this is why I have come.”
   1. One of life’s oldest questions is “Why am I here?”
   2. Part of the reason you’re still here is to be salt and light to those nearby.
   3. Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. This must be our purpose as well.
   4. It all begins by meeting the needs next door.